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Inappropriate Use of SARs Issued for Inpatient Days

Each week hundreds of claims are being denied at EDS as the result of physicians or physician groups billing for inpatient services using the hospitals SAR. The denials usually are identified with RAD code 9671 (procedure has not been authorized by CCS/GHPP). Hospitals should be reminded that they should NOT share their inpatient SAR with the physicians treating the child as the physician or physician group CAN NOT bill with that SAR. Physicians must obtain their own SAR for services performed in the inpatient setting. These denials are unnecessary and result in dissatisfaction in the provider community, so any help you can provide reminding the facilities those physicians MUST obtain their own SAR for inpatient services benefits everyone.